

Credit: Sarah Schechter



Dodge Paddock and Beal Preserve Marsh Restoration Workshop and Field Trip

Long Island Sound Coastal Resilience Month

October 16, 2025 | 10:00am - 3:00pm

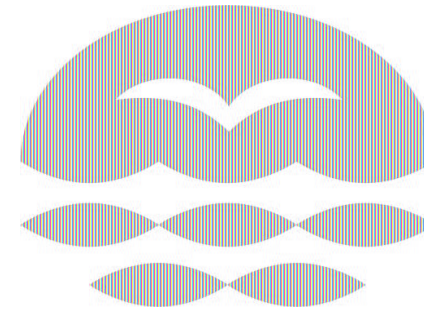
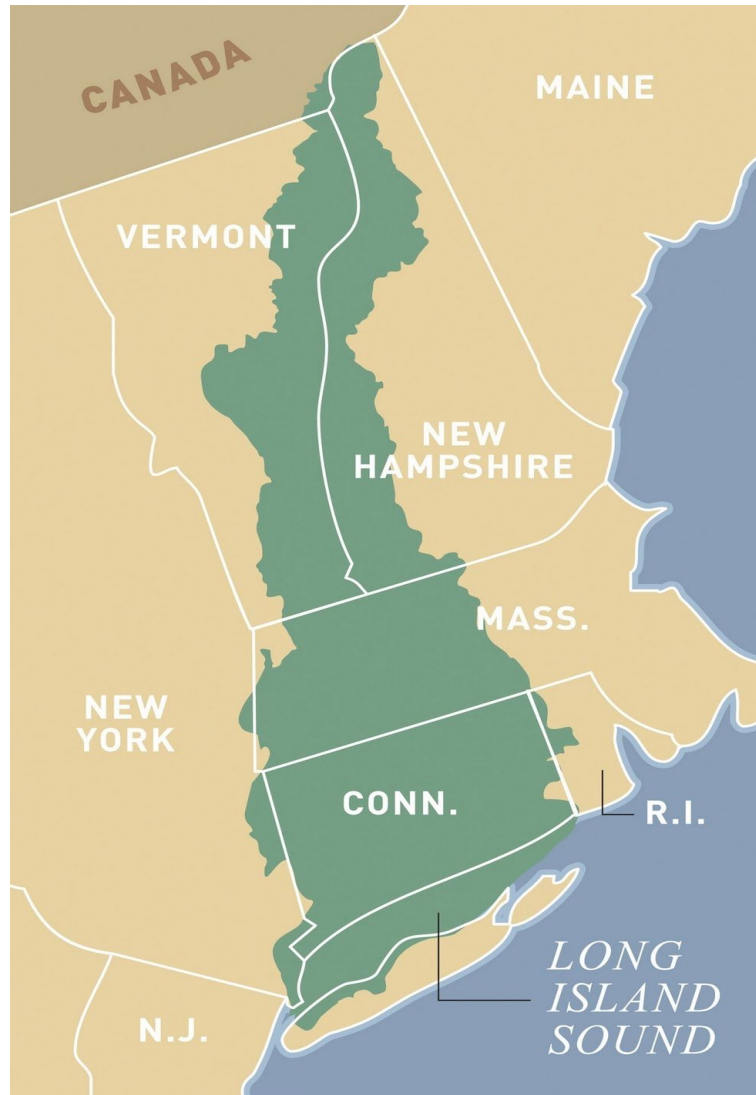


10:00 AM	Welcome and SRC Resilience Programming
10:30 AM	Dodge Paddock Site Background and Overview
11:10 AM	Current/Future Plans for the Site
11:45 AM	Lunch/Networking
12:30 PM	Depart for Dodge Paddock
12:45 PM	Field Trip - Dodge Paddock and Beal Preserve
2:30 PM	Return to Stonington COMO/Depart



WHO WE ARE

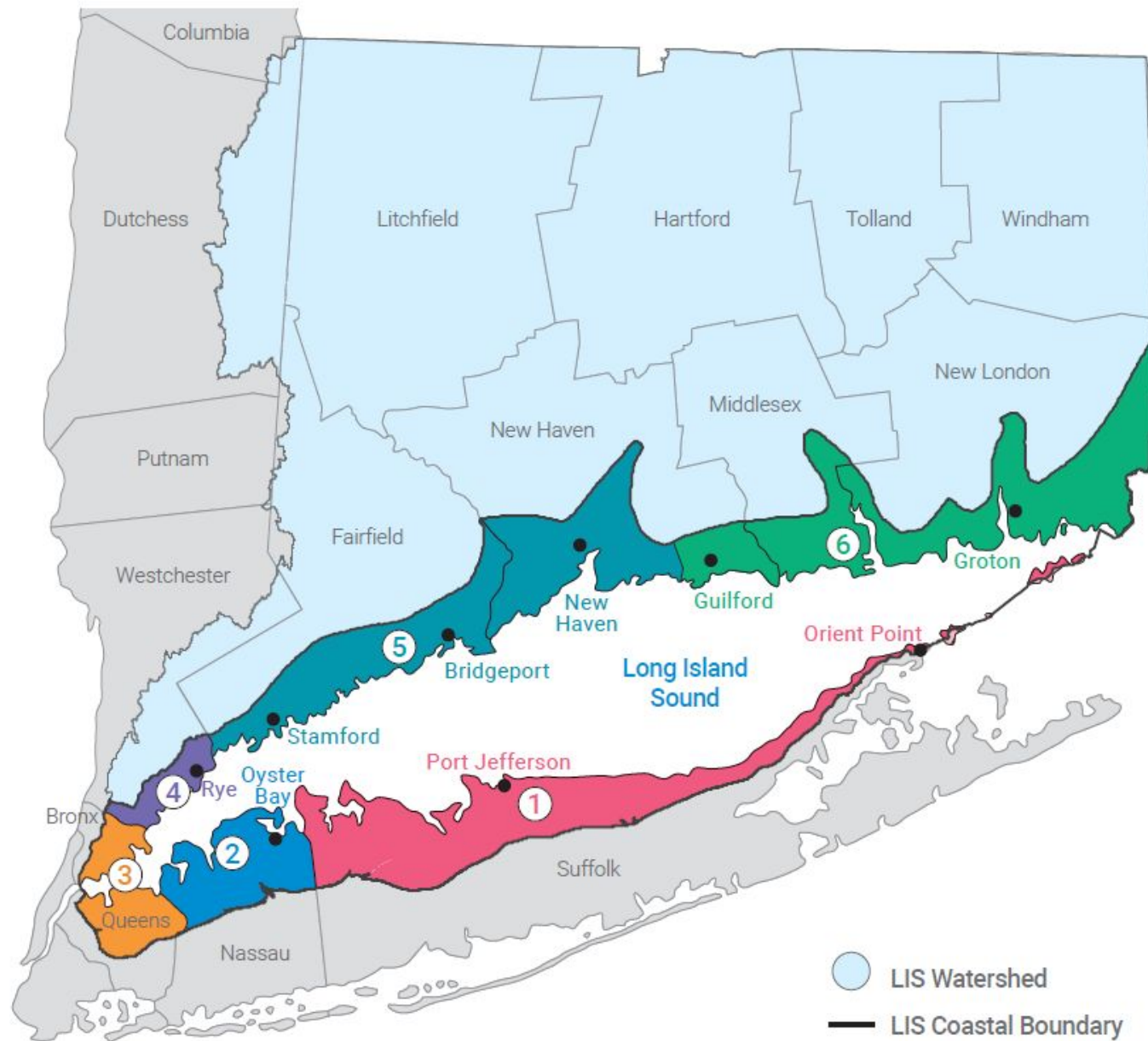
The Long Island Sound Partnership is a group of organizations, agencies, scientists, and community members working together to protect and restore Long Island Sound. We support clean waters, healthy habitats, thriving wildlife, resilient coasts, and an engaged public.



LONG ISLAND PARTNERSHIP

2025 Comprehensive Conservation & Management Proposed Goals

1. Clean Waters & Healthy Watersheds
2. Thriving Habitats & Abundant Wildlife
3. Informed & Engaged Public
4. **Sustainable & Resilient Communities**



- 1 Suffolk County
Elizabeth Hornstein
- 2 Nassau County
Sarah Schaefer-Brown
- 3 NYC - Bronx & Queens
Ben Goldberg
- 4 Westchester County
Sara Powell
- 5 Western CT
Deb Visco Abibou
- 6 Eastern CT
Sarah Schechter

The Plan addresses:



Clean water and
healthy watersheds



Thriving habitat and
abundant wildlife



Informed and
engaged public



Sustainable and resilient
communities

Sustainable and Resilient Communities Goal:

Empower Long Island Sound communities to plan for and respond to environmental challenges in ways that prioritize well-being for all.



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SRC Objectives



Informed Decision-Makers

- Grow the number of government, practitioner, and community leaders receiving training and support to increase capacity for adaptation to environmental challenges.



Community-Driven Resilience Planning

- Increase the number of municipalities that identify key resilience priorities through local or regional community-driven planning processes.



Resilience Initiative Implementation

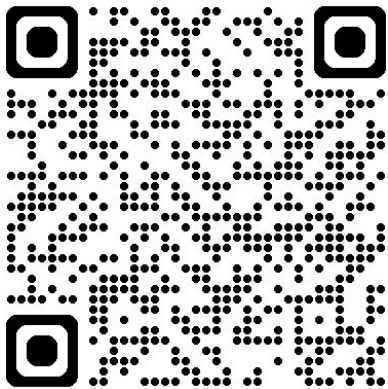
- Implement initiatives to improve community resilience to flooding and other environmental challenges.



SRC Resources & Assistance Programs

Alliance for the Mystic River Watershed Waterfest
Credit: Sarah Schechter





Finding climate resources should be easy

The Long Island Sound Resilience Resource Hub is here to help your community. Learn about environmental challenges, planning solutions, and how to implement and sustain projects now.

Select your Planning Phase, Location, and/or Topic of interest to access a filtered selection of our curated resources and tools.

Planning Phase

Select a Planning Phase



Location

Select a Location



Topic

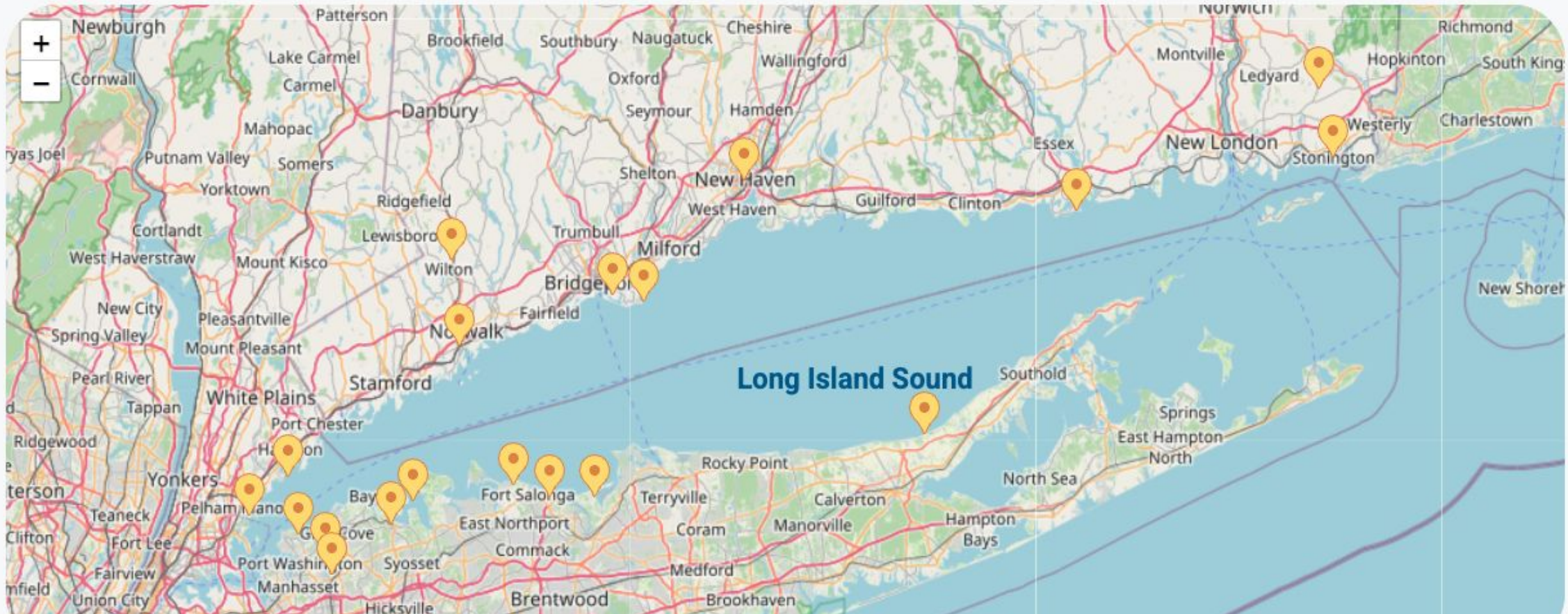
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Get Started

Case Studies

Learn about other climate change resiliency projects in the Long Island Sound.



Funding Database



Funding Database

Find funding for your project

Filters

Select one or more of the filters below to find relevant tools and resources for your needs

Status

Select a Status

Planning Phase

Select a Planning Phase

Location

Select a Location

 Funding

 Open: Due on Mar 21, 2025

2 days
remaining to apply

Climate Smart Communities Initiative

The Climate Smart Communities Initiative (CSCI) provides funding, expertise, training, and other resources to help communities advance their climate resilience plans and projects while also developing the strategies and...

New York State Connecticut State

Flooding Nature-based Solutions Sea Level Rise Planning

Extreme Weather & Storms Community Engagement

Green Infrastructure

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Grant Writing Assistance Program

As of October 1st, 2024 a third round of the Long Island Sound Resilience Grant Writing Support Program is available.

The Program assists NY and CT communities within the LIS Coastal Boundary to hire a grant writing consultant to develop successful sustainability and resilience-focused project grant proposals and increase capacity within municipalities and community organizations to navigate the funding landscape. Up to \$9,950 in funding is available per application and match is not required! The Program is open on a rolling basis until all the available funding has been allocated.

To learn more see the Request for Proposals (RFP) linked on the right.



Planning Support Program

As of **December 6th, 2024** a second round of the Long Island Sound Resilience Planning Support Program is available!

Deadline to apply is February 7th, 2025. Up to \$1 million will be available.

The Program provides planning support to advance climate resilience-focused projects by matching communities within the LIS Coastal Boundary across NY and CT with qualified contractors to assist with assessing local climate risks, conceptualizing project ideas, and conducting preliminary planning efforts. The support is provided at no cost to the communities and no match is required!

To learn more see the Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) linked on the right. **We encourage you to reach out to the SRC EP in your region before applying!**



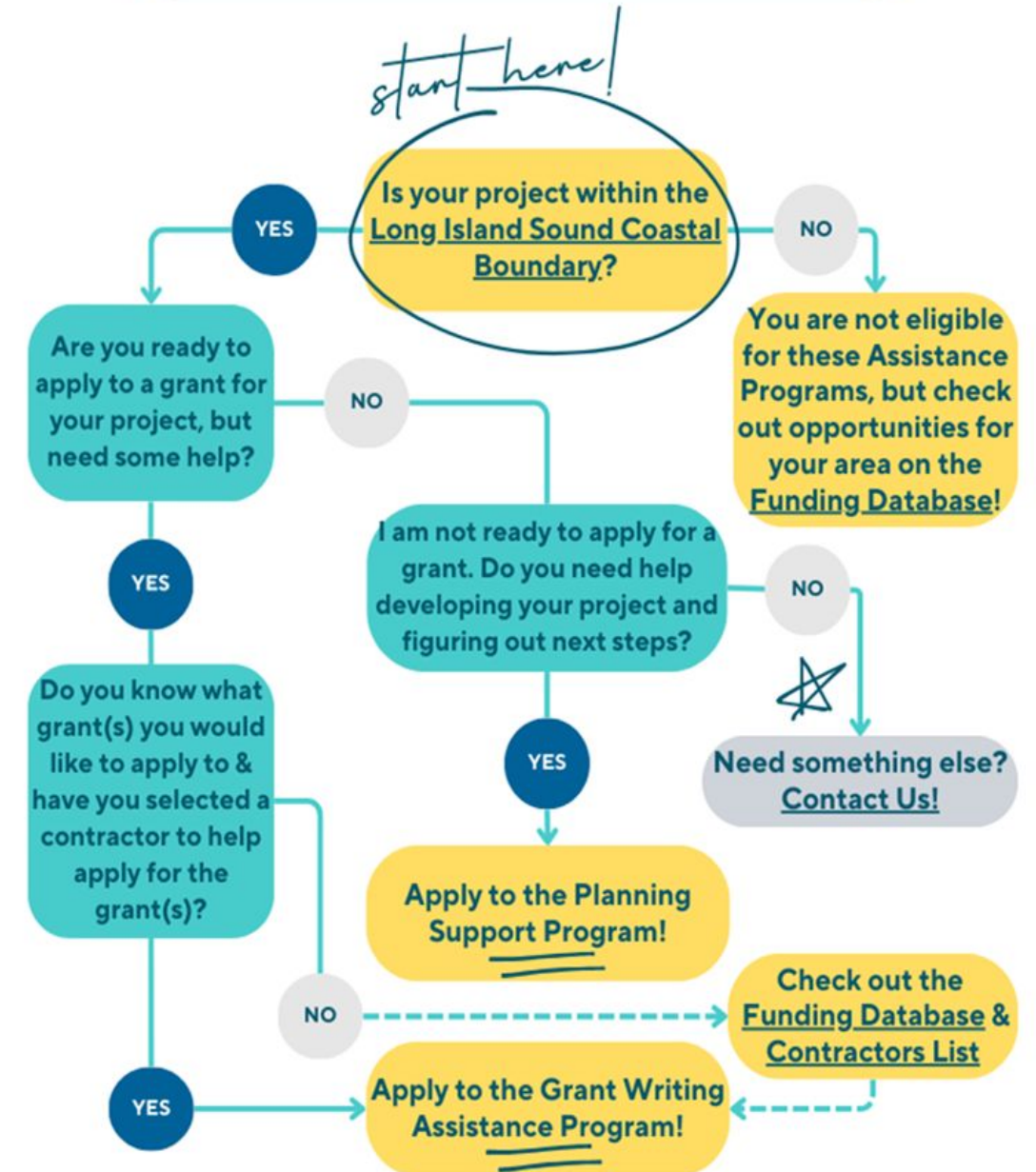


SRC Resilience Assistance Programs



What Assistance Program is right for me?

Click on the image to interact



Assist with the development of sustainability and resilience focused projects that will **impact a community or communities within or partially within the Long Island Sound coastal boundary.**



Goal: To advance sustainable and resilience focused projects to a design or implementation grant-ready stage

Type of Technical Assistance: Project Scoping and Planning

Application Period:

Round 1 – October 16th, 2023 - December 15th, 2023

Round 2 – December 6th, 2024 - February 7th, 2025

Round 3 – To Be Announced

Award Amount: 1st round awards were between \$35K-\$115K

*No funds are given to the applicants, funds are reimbursed directly to contractor.

Match: None required

Expression of Interest Submission Options: Google Form, LISResilience@gmail.com, or via mail

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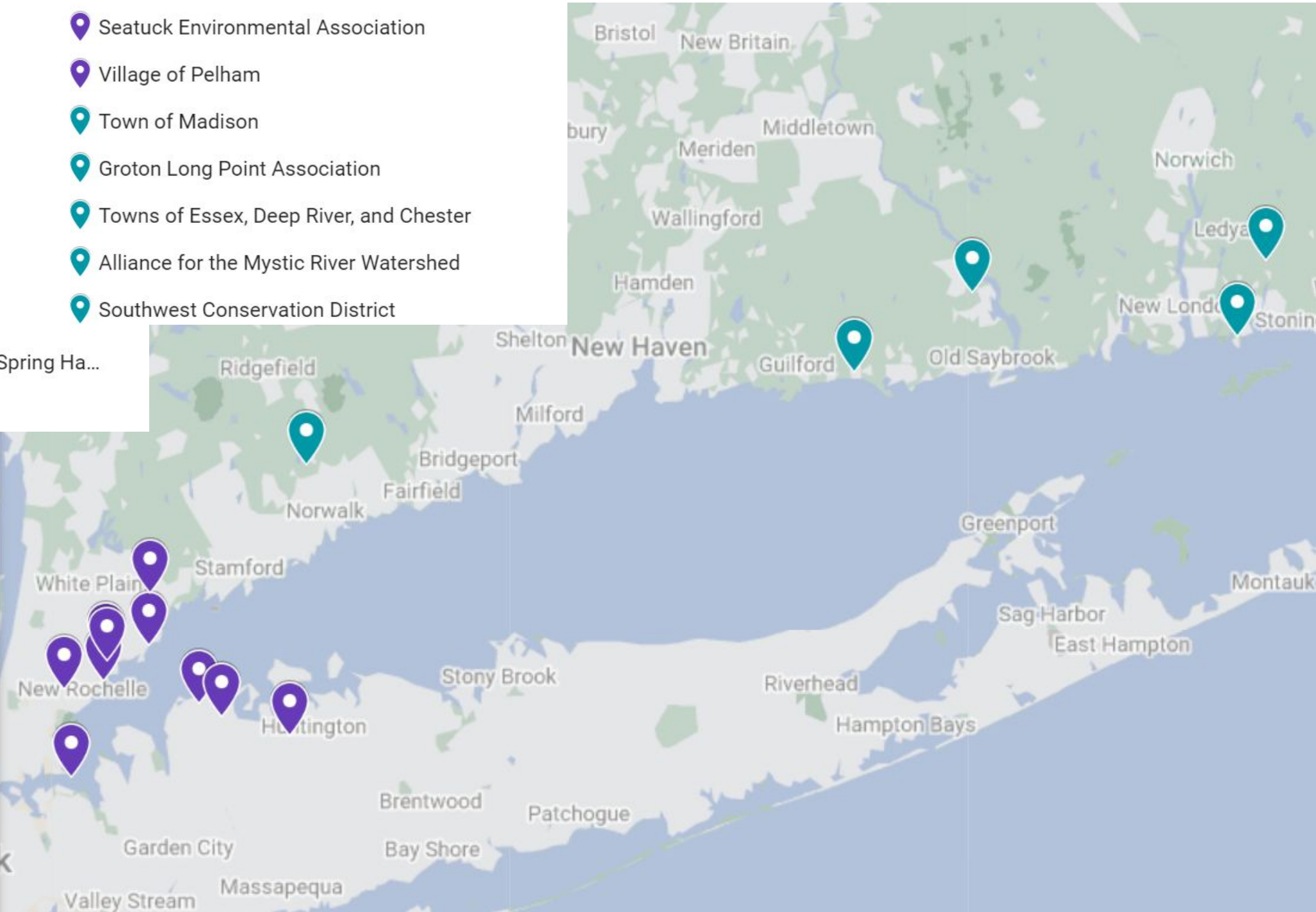


This program aims to help communities assess local climate risks, conceptualize project ideas, and conduct preliminary planning efforts/steps in order to be well positioned to access funding to design and implement successful sustainable and resilience focused projects. This support may include, but is not limited to:

- ❑ Climate change risk and/or vulnerability assessment
- ❑ Strategy development and project planning
- ❑ Project prioritization and funding guidance
- ❑ Preliminary community engagement
- ❑ Project site feasibility and conceptual design

2024 PSP project locations

- Rye Town Park Commission
- Village of Mamaroneck
- Village of Larchmont
- Village of Rye Brook
- Town of Mamaroneck
- SUNY Maritime
- St. John's Episcopal Church (Cold Spring Ha...
- Village of Lattingtown
- Seatuck Environmental Association
- Village of Pelham
- Town of Madison
- Groton Long Point Association
- Towns of Essex, Deep River, and Chester
- Alliance for the Mystic River Watershed
- Southwest Conservation District



**Round 2 Awardees
to be announced in
November 2025!** 🎉

Goal: To secure funding for sustainable and resilience-focused projects

Type of Technical Assistance: Grant Preparation and Writing Support (Budget preparation, Cost-benefit analysis, Writing and narrative development. Mapping, Application preparation and submission)

Application Period: Rolling basis until all available funding is allocated

Award Amount: Up to \$9,950 per application directly to contractor. Each Application should focus on one discrete project. Applicants can now submit multiple Applications.

Match: None required

Application Submission Options: Google Form, LISResilience@gmail.com, or via mail



Credit: Residents Forward

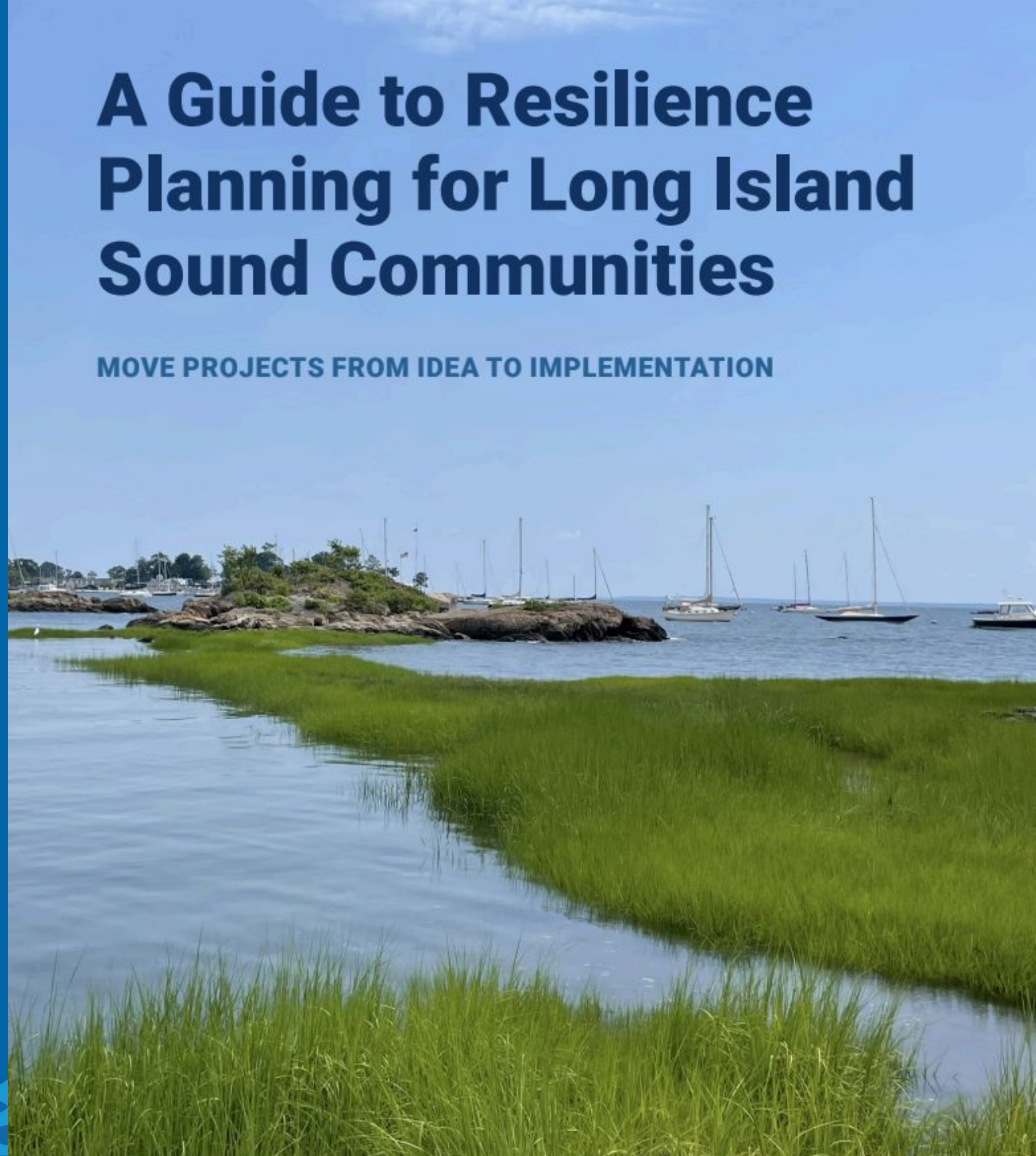


Resilience Planning with the PERSISTS Criteria

Adopted and adapted from CIRCA

A Guide to Resilience Planning for Long Island Sound Communities

MOVE PROJECTS FROM IDEA TO IMPLEMENTATION





Long Island Sound
Resilience Resource Hub

Resilience Steps

Resources & Tools

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A Guide to Resilience Planning

Use the PERSISTS criteria below to help identify, prioritize, and implement high-impact projects

PERSISTS Framework adapted and adopted from Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation. (2020). Resilient Connecticut Planning Framework.

P

Permittable

E

Engaged

R

Realistic

S

Safe

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Innovative

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Scientific

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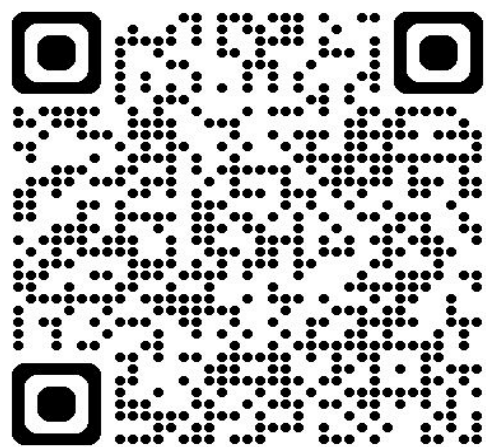
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Sustainable



Trainings, Workshops, and Field Trips



Save the Date!

December 4-5 2025

4th Annual Long Island Sound
Sustainable & Resilient Communities
Virtual Workshop

More details coming soon!





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Trainings Archive

Learn on-demand from regional resilience practitioners and experts

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Topic

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Reset Filters

Apply Filters

 Training

In Spring 2025 the SRC Team hosted funding workshops on Long Island, NY and New Haven, CT.

2nd Annual SRC Funding Workshop – Connecticut



Upcoming Session Topics:

- Intro to Resilience
- Nature-Based Solutions
- SRC Planning Support Program Updates

Past Session Topics:

- Shoreline Planning & Implementation
- Green Infrastructure for Stormwater Management
- Sustainable Climate Planning for Relocation
- Considerations for Updating Codes & Ordinances in CT and NY
- SRC Resilience Assistance Programs
- Resilience Tools
- Planning for Inundation

2022-2024 SRC Annual Workshops

Session recordings and additional resources for all three of our Annual Workshops are available below!

3rd Annual Sustainable & Resilient Communities Workshop – 2024

Session 1 – SRC Resilience Assistance Programs

[View Session 1 Details](#)

Session 2 – Resilience Tools

[View Session 2 Details](#)

Session 3 – Planning for Inundation

[View Session 3 Details](#)

Annual Regional Funding Workshops

- Connect with funding organization leads.
- Learn about recent projects from successful grant applicants.
- Discuss potential project ideas.

 Long Island Sound Study
A Partnership to Restore and Protect the Sound Sea Grant
CONNECTICUT Sea Grant
NEW YORK

Sustainable and Resilient Communities
2nd Annual Connecticut Funding Workshop
Monday, March 31, 2025 | 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

Training

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2nd Annual SRC Funding Workshop – Connecticut



The Sustainable and Resilient Communities (SRC) team hosted the 2nd Annual Connecticut Regional Funding Workshop on Monday, March 31, 2025 to provide information on funding opportunities to support sustainability and resilience-focused projects. Attendees heard from program officers representing various local, state, and regional funding organizations and were able to engage in discussions with funders and assistance programs to explore project ideas and ways to improve funding applications. A panel of successful awardees shared their experiences and strategies. Attendees also worked through the guidance in the [SRC Resilience Planning Guide](#). The workshop is intended for municipal officials and staff, nonprofits, community organizations, and other groups interested in planning and implementing projects that advance the sustainability and resilience of Long Island Sound communities.



MyCoast Connecticut

A pilot program in Groton, New London, and Stonington



What is MyCoast

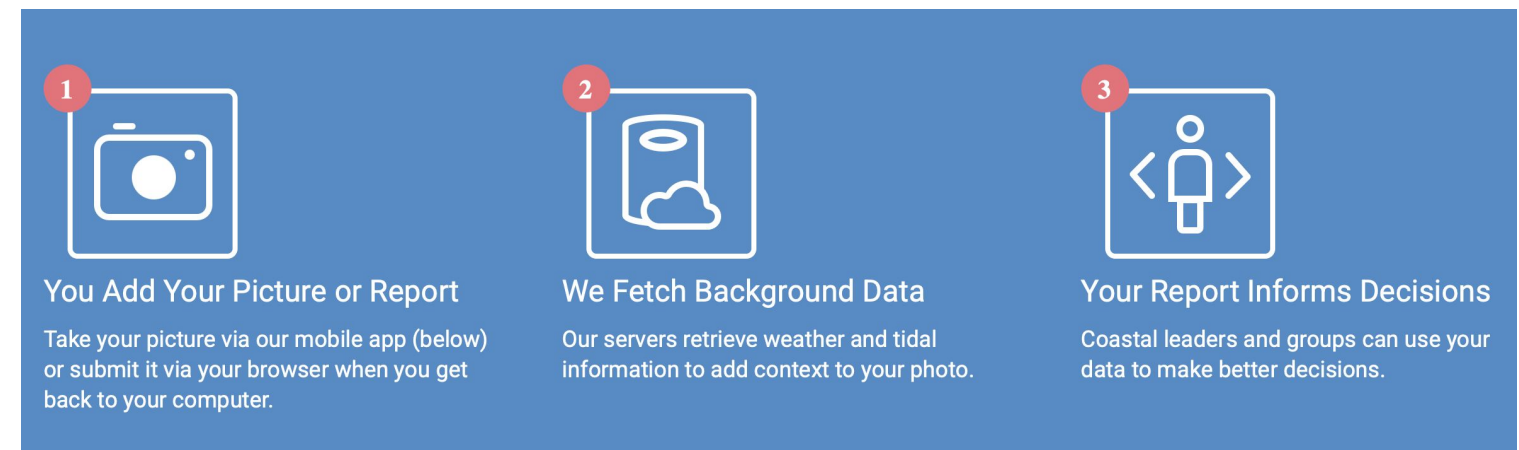
MyCoast is a free, user-friendly tool that enables individuals to upload photos of coastal flooding, storm damage, and extreme high tide events.

Download the MyCoast App, or visit <https://mycoast.org/ct> to upload photos of flooding and storm damage to the public database



How are we using MyCoast?

- Raise public awareness of local flooding and storm preparedness
- Identify areas repeatedly affected by flooding
- Monitor changes in shoreline conditions over time
- Inform state and local resilience planning and storm response strategies



**Please let us know about upcoming community events in
Groton, New London, and Stonington!**



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MyCoast Contact Information:

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Learn more: seagrant.uconn.edu/mycoast and <https://mycoast.org/ct>